

# 2005 THE N<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



APPELLATION	100% Livermore, San Francisco Bay
VARIETAL CONTENT	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
WINEMAKER	Karl D. Wente
ALCOHOL	14.9%
PH	3.72
TOTAL ACID	0.59g/100ml
RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry
RELEASE DATE	February 2008

**VINEYARD** This Cabernet Sauvignon comes from vineyards that were farmed to The Nth Degree. Each vine received at least 15 passes whereby leaves, shoots, and clusters were removed to ensure that the only clusters that remained were of the highest quality. The water was managed so that the vines were perfectly balanced with the correct amount of growth to fully ripen the berries for the optimal level of flavor. The grapes were hand-harvested into half-ton bins in the early morning.

**WINEMAKING** The wine was fermented in one-ton bins and punched down by hand twice daily to maximize fruit and flavor extraction. After primary fermentation, the wine was immediately racked and pressed into 60-gallon oak barrels, where it completed malolactic fermentation.

**AGING** This wine was barrel-aged for 18 months.

**DESCRIPTION** The Nth Degree Cabernet Sauvignon offers the black cherry flavors and bold tannins that are characteristic of great California Cabernets. It delights with hints of chocolate and earthy tones, a lush dark fruit in the middle of the palate and a big finish.

**HISTORY** Founded 125 years ago, Wente Vineyards is the country's oldest continuously operated family-owned winery. Owned and managed today by the fourth and fifth generations of the Wente family, the winery draws from nearly 3,000 acres of estate vineyards in the Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay, and Arroyo Seco, Monterey winegrowing regions to make an outstanding portfolio of wines.

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